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I have the honour to bring to your attention the declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the Ethiopian-Eritrean conflict (see annex), which was issued on 16 December 1998.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ernst SUCHARIPA
Permanent Representative

Annex

DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE ETHIOPIAN-ERITREAN CONFLICT

The European Union (EU) reiterates its strong support for the mediation efforts of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in regard to the Ethiopian-Eritrean conflict that have led to proposals for a framework agreement.

The EU once again expresses its hope that both sides will be able to respond positively to the proposals and that a framework agreement can be concluded at the meeting of the OAU Central Organ on 17 and 18 December 1998.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated country Cyprus and the European Free Trade Association countries, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this Declaration.